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Today's Topics:

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    Portable Phones  
    PRB-1: How Strong?

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 2 Jun 1994 20:52:20 -0700  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!pacbell.com!UB.com!kaiwan.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: 440 in So. Cal.  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Someone wrote:  
> Go buy a clue or something.

Can we please keep this conversation in the spirit of Amateur Radio? Even  
though we're not on Amateur Radio, we can be respectful of one another.  
On the air, or off, we represent the hobby. Promoting goodwill, both  
internationally and across the street, is the duty of every ham.

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\_\_\_\_[ Robb Topolski ]\_\_\_\_[ San Clemente, CA ]\_\_\_\_[ topolski@kaiwan.com ]\_\_\_\_

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Date: 2 Jun 1994 21:03:03 -0700  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!netline-fddi.jpl.nasa.gov!nntp-server.caltech.edu!news.claremont.edu!kaiwan.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: 440 in So. Cal.  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Michael P. Deignan (md@pstc3.pstc.brown.edu) wrote:

> Refusing a repeater coordination on the basis of its "open" or "closed"  
> status could be considered illegal, as the FCC recognizes "closed" repeaters  
> as being completely valid. By saying that a "closed" repeater will not be  
> granted coordination you are not giving all repeater owners the same  
> rights, you are discriminating against closed repeater owners.

It's not illegal to discriminate, unless that discrimination is based on some kind of protected class (race, religion, sex). If the coordinating body wanted to work toward some kind of balance, they could legally set up open/closed restrictions on who they approved as long as such a policy was otherwise fairly enforced.

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\_\_\_\_[ Robb Topolski ]\_\_\_\_[ San Clemente, CA ]\_\_\_\_[ topolski@kaiwan.com ]\_\_\_\_

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Date: Thu, 02 Jun 1994 18:54:01 EDT  
From: psinntp!arrl.org!usenet@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: ARLD033 DX news  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB DX @ ARL \$ARLD033  
ARLD033 DX news

ZCZC AE31  
QST de W1AW  
DX Bulletin 33 ARLD033

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Date: Thu, 2 Jun 1994 23:22:20 -0500

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!  
moe.ksu.ksu.edu!usenet.uc.twsu.edu!mwreed@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Bell 103 Modems Needed . . .  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Looking for Bell 103 type manually operated modems, either  
acoustic or direct connect. Please send source name, addresse  
and phone number to:

Marlen, n0pco

mwreed@wsuhub.uc.twsu.edu  
mreed@heartland.bradley.edu

n0pco@n0pco.#scks.ks.usa.noam

Thanks for the help . . .

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Date: 3 Jun 94 05:09:19 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!  
howland.reston.ans.net!spool.mu.edu!news.clark.edu!netnews.nwnet.net!uofport.edu!  
hood!peterl@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Cheaper mail?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

BS> They get a cheaper mail rate this way... It's like in the 'old  
BS> days' here in the US when an unsealed envelope could be sent at a  
BS> reduced mail rate. The cut corners are the equivalent of an  
BS> unsealed envelope.

Why would an unsealed envelope be cheaper?

We young folks don't quite remember these things :)

-Peter Lee, EMT  
KC7CJF

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Peter Lee, EMT, Search & Rescue Volunteer (CAP)  
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Date: 3 Jun 1994 06:18:24 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!cs.utexas.edu!gerald@cc.utexas.edu!astro.as.utexas.edu!  
oo7@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Cheaper mail?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

peterl@hood.uucp (Peter Lee) asks:

>BS> They get a cheaper mail rate this way... It's like in the 'old  
>BS> days' here in the US when an unsealed envelope could be sent at a  
>BS> reduced mail rate. The cut corners are the equivalent of an  
>BS> unsealed envelope.

>Why would an unsealed envelope be cheaper?

Have you never mailed anything at the "Printed Matter" rate?  
If you do this, you can be challenged to open the envelope and  
demonstrate that it really contains only printed matter. If a  
country has a cheaper rate for mailing QSL or other cards, then  
cutting the corners off the envelope allows the postal cops to  
check that you are really mailing a card, and not chocolate or  
live snakes.

Australians can send cards at a cheaper rate if they write  
"card only" on the outside of the envelope, and leave it  
unsealed (as mentioned by the earlier poster). Most of the  
xmas cards I get from Oz are sent this way (cheap relatives).

Perhaps the real question is why it should be cheaper to  
mail a QSL card than the equivalent weight of hand-written  
love letters, or said snakes. The idea is that it is less  
urgent, and can be delayed if necessary, thus you get a price  
break.

Derek "fourth class" Wills (AA5BT, G3NMX)  
Department of Astronomy, University of Texas,  
Austin TX 78712. (512-471-1392)  
oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu

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Date: Thu, 02 Jun 1994 18:09:45 -0400  
From: dale.ksc.nasa.gov!algol.ksc.nasa.gov!k4dii.ksc.nasa.gov!user@ames.arpa  
Subject: FCC computers up!  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2skv9f\$a2l@bigfoot.wustl.edu>, jlw3@cec3.wustl.edu (Jesse L  
Wei) wrote:

> Well, I found out something new today. FCC says that their new computer system  
> was online as of two (2) days ago, and they're processing about 300  
> applications a day. Now that hasn't helped me, as I passed the test >5 months  
> ago and still haven't heard a peep from them. They also said that they're  
> withholding the tech-plus applications till last?

Jesse-

There's definitely either a misunderstanding or a foul-up!

First, if you already had the No-Code Tech, you WILL NOT receive a new license when you pass the 5 WPM code test, unless there was some other change involved. The FCC only annotates their files that you have passed the code test. For this special case, I don't think you have to use the "interim" call sign. But, I don't know this for sure.

Second, if there was some other action required with this application (change of address, call sign, et cetera), then much over two months is an indication of a problem. Since paper-work with a problem would have been sent back for resolution before now, you must assume it has been lost. Contact your VE for assistance.

73, Fred, K4DII

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Date: 3 Jun 1994 05:57:36 GMT  
From: nwnexus!chinook!ghader@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Ham license plates in WA  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Greg Moore <UD173191@NDSUVM1.BITNET> writes:

>Hello all...I'll soon be moving to the Richland, Washington area  
>and I was wondering if somebody could tell me what kind of damage  
>my wallet is going to take if I want my call letters on my license  
>plates. Can somebody give me an idea?  
>Thanks...  
>Greg N00DQ

About \$10 for the plates plus whatever "agency fee" (\$2-3).  
The form is available from the state department of licencing in Olympia, but more and more of the licence agencies are keeping a few on hand. The licence plates are yours as long as you hold a valid Ham licence.

I've transferred mine through four cars, causing much fun and merriment for the records types.

BTW, don't let them confuse it with the "personalized" plates. They are \$30 per year in addition to the regular licence and tax each year.

Ham plates are a one shot charge.

Greg  
N7NHW Auburn,WA

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Date: 3 Jun 1994 00:07:46 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!lll-winken.llnl.gov!korie!newsworthy.West.Sun.COM!abyss.West.Sun.COM!spot!myers@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Ham Radio few problem  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article 1r8@misr-fsw.jpl.nasa.gov, ndp@misr-fsw.jpl.nasa.gov (Neil D. Pignatano) writes:  
>In article <2sfofs\$hg2@btree.brooktree.com>,  
>Roger Bly <roger@btree.brooktree.com> wrote:  
>>  
>>You all really extrapolate on that jamming word. :-)  
>>  
>>By jamming, I mean the unauthorized use of a closed repeater, not  
>>malicious interference. Maybe I need to think of a better word  
>>for it, but when a bunch of us attack a closed repeater with rapid-fire  
>>conversation, we call it jamming. We operate legally within Part 97  
>>and the Communications Act of 1934.  
>  
>Unauthorized use of private property (in this case, closed repeaters)  
>may be construed as trespassing or even theft! I hope that you and your  
>cronies are prepared to pay the price for your "civil disobedience."  
>Just because you operate "legally" within Part 97 and the Communications  
>Act of 1934 doesn't mean that you haven't broken any other law. You may  
>be in violation of civil/criminal codes regarding trespass and the right  
>to possession of property. Think about it...

Part 97 simply explicitly states that the trustee of a repeater may deny use of the repeater to other amateurs. It does not make it illegal, or even trespassing, for an amateur to use a repeater without the trustee's authorization.

I am \*not\* against closed repeaters, no matter how distasteful they may be.

I \*am\* against people twisting Part 97 to suggest that a person can gain ownership of a frequency by gaining coordination. Part 97 explicitly and

simply states that isn't the case, no one owns a frequency.

I think it is a horrible and ugly precedent for civil courts to start encroaching on Part 97. Either amateurs \*want\* Federal pre-emption or amateurs \*don't want\* Federal pre-emption. We seem to want it when we want a tall tower (i.e., PRB-1 cases) but we seem to not want it when we want to gain exclusive control of a frequency (i.e., CLARA case).

At the same time, it is illegal to maliciously interfere with amateur communications. Part 97 is clear about this.

What is Bly doing? I don't know, I haven't heard him.

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predicted monthly values.

04 Jun 20 Near predicted monthly values.

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#### 4C. AUSTRALIAN REGION COMMENT

Local propagation conditions appeared better yesterday than originally forecast. Conditions may be degraded over the next three days due to night-time Spread F and occasional Sporadic E layer.

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IPS Regional Warning Centre, Sydney

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RWC Duty Forecaster tel: +61 2 4148329

Recorded Message tel: +61 2 4148330

|IPS Radio and Space Services

|PO Box 5606

|West Chatswood NSW 2057

|AUSTRALIA

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Date: 3 Jun 1994 00:48:04 GMT

From: korie!newsworthy.West.Sun.COM!abyss.West.Sun.COM!spot!myers@ames.arpa

Subject: Ham Radio few problem

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article 21416@cs.brown.edu, md@maxcy2.maxcy.brown.edu (Michael P. Deignan) writes:

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>Since the FCC has stated that a repeater trustee has the right to

>define who may and who may not use his/her repeater, if you operate

>on a closed repeater without the permission of the owner you are  
>in fact violating Part 97.

Not exactly, Michael. The FCC has stated that a repeater trustee may limit access to his equipment. It is not illegal for an amateur to operate on a frequency his license grants. It *\*is\** legal for a repeater trustee to make his repeater only operable for selected individuals.

I spoke with an FCC PRB official about this very subject, and he concurred with this interpretation. No one has exclusive access to any amateur frequency, but no one is compelled to operate an open repeater.

>You're a good example of why we should have caneing in the US.

Well, Bly may not be tactful, but look at the examples he has on the Usenet :-).

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>MD  
>--  
>-- Michael P. Deignan  
>-- Amalgamated Baby Seal Poachers Union, Local 101  
>-- "Get 'The Club'... Endorsed by Baby Seal poachers everywhere..."

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Date: Fri, 3 Jun 1994 00:36:25 GMT  
From: swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!news.cac.psu.edu!news.pop.psu.edu!psuvax1!  
news.cc.swarthmore.edu!netnews.upenn.edu!msuinfo!harbinger.cc.monash.edu.au!  
news.cs.su.oz.au!@@ihnp4.ucsd.edu  
Subject: IPS Daily Report - 02 June 94  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SUBJ: IPS DAILY SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL REPORT  
ISSUED AT 2/2330Z JUNE 1994 BY IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES  
FROM THE REGIONAL WARNING CENTRE (RWC), SYDNEY.  
SUMMARY FOR 2 JUNE AND FORECAST UP TO 5 JUNE



## ADDITIONAL DATA

IPS Warning 15 was issued on 26 May and is still current.

### 1A. SOLAR SUMMARY

Activity: Very Low

Flares: None

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 68/02

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 70/05

### 2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY

Estimated Indices : A	K	Observed A Index 1 June
Fredericksburg	20	24
Planetary	20	24

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IPS Regional Warning Centre, Sydney	IPS Radio and Space Services
email: rwc@ips.oz.au fax: +61 2 4148331	PO Box 5606
RWC Duty Forecaster tel: +61 2 4148329	West Chatswood NSW 2057
Recorded Message tel: +61 2 4148330	AUSTRALIA

Date: Thu, 02 Jun 94 20:30:16 EDT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!

ns.mcs.kent.edu!kira.cc.uakron.edu!malgudi.oar.net!hypnos!voxbox!

jgrubs@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Legal Protections for Hams

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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jhanson@yar.cs.wisc.edu (Jason Hanson) writes:

> Ideas I have so far include:

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> 1) Opposition to scanner/radio bans, etc.

> 2) Adoption of PRB-1 (with possible revisions) into statutory form (I know  
> about federal preemption, but this would make cases easier for hams...)

> 3) Developing stronger partnerships between state and ARES/RACES, etc.

How about doing something about restrictive covenants?

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|           I am Homer of Borg.  Prepare to be...00oooooo!  Donuts!!!           |
| Jim Grubs, W8GRT                Voxbox Enterprises    THIS SPACE FOR RENT      |
| jgrubs@voxbox.norden1.com       6817 Maplewood Ave.   RATES REASONABLE        |
| Fido: 1:234/1.0                Sylvania, Ohio 43560   Home: 419/882-2697        |
|                               AMATEUR RADIO - The National Park of the Mind      |
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Date: 2 Jun 1994 10:00:55 -0400

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!udel!news2.sprintlink.net!news.sprintlink.net!  
rtp.vnet.net!char2.vnet.net!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Portable Phones

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I want to acquire a digital two-line portable phone. A friend of mine recently made some comparisons and suggests that the Uniden is a good one.

Do they make a two-line model?

Where should I look (suggest a vendor)?

Any other comments?

Dave Barrow

Internet exe02594@vnet.net

Packet N9UNR @ WA9POV.#MKE.WI.USA.NA

Ma Bell (414) 375-2667

Snail 1894 Elm Drive - Town of Cedarburg  
West Bend, WI 53095-9603

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Date: 3 Jun 1994 00:49:40 GMT

From: korie1!newsworthy.West.Sun.COM!abyss.West.Sun.COM!spot!myers@ames.arpa

Subject: PRB-1: How Strong?

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article 940531103222118@omnicomm.com, john.schroeder@omnicomm.com (John Schroeder) writes:

>Roger

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>Try living in Cerritos, Ca. Have all kinds of problems.

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>Prb-1 was a good ideal, now we need something stronger.

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>FCC is thinking about changing PRB-1, but who knows what  
>direction they will go.

>

>John, N6QQ

Well, if the CLARA group keeps getting civil injunctions that pre-empt  
Federal regulation, PRB-1 will be moot.

Think about it.....

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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2sih81\$4rm@agate.berkeley.edu>,

<1994Jun1.221408.20183@newsgate.sps.mot.com>, <2sjcnj\$beg@agate.berkeley.edu>

Subject : Re: 440 in So. Cal.

Ken,

Just because a repeater is open doesn't mean the trustee is necessarily  
out of touch with the users. The local ham groups run open repeaters on  
2-meters here. Pretty much anyone using them are members or are known by  
members -- all of whom are known by the governing board of the club.

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\_\_\_\_[ Robb Topolski ]\_\_\_\_[ San Clemente, CA ]\_\_\_\_[ topolski@kaiwan.com ]\_\_\_\_

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Date: (null)  
From: (null)  
SB DX ARL ARLD033  
ARLD033 DX news

The items in this week's bulletin are courtesy of Steve, W9NUF, Bill, KG4GC, George, AD1S, the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin and the Yankee Clipper Contest Club PacketCluster network.

YEMEN. 701AA was worked Wednesday on 14245 kHz at 1500z.

LIBYA. A group led by JA2JPA plan to operate starting around June 10. It has been reported that equipment has been shipped to Libya and QSLs have been printed, though no call sign was mentioned. JA2JPA is currently in South America and is expected to return to Japan on June 14.

GHANA. 9G1PW was worked on 21297 kHz at 1430z. QSL via WB2YQH.

AFGHANISTAN. YA/RW6AC checked into the 14226 DX net around 2345z. No documentation has been received for this operation.

IRAQ. YI9CW has been quite active lately. Check 18074 kHz between 1400 and 1500z.

CAMBODIA. XU7VK should remain active through February 1995. Watch the usual DX frequencies.

KERGUELEN. FT5XJ has been on 20 meter SSB this past week. Listen between 14170 and 14200 kHz at around 1800z.

TONGA. Paul, KK6H, is signing A35RK. Try 14023 kHz between 0000 and 0400z, and 21024 kHz between 2100 and 2400z.

ANGOLA. D2/HB9AM0 is active and should remain so through July.

FRENCH POLYNESIA. F00MIZ is QRV until June 11 from the Marquesas. He was worked on 30 meters around 0430z. QSL via JA1HGY. F00AKI is also active and has been worked on 40, 20 and 17 meters. Check 14195 kHz at 1100z.

SOLOMON ISLANDS. Mako, JA10EM, is on the air as H44/JA10EM until June 10. Check 30 and 40 meters between 0715 and 0900z, and again from 1030 and 1430. He has also been on SSB from 1300 to 1345z between 3788 and 3798 kHz.

PACIFIC DXPEDITION. Yar1, SM6FJY, leaves Angola on June 5 to embark on his Pacific tour. The planned itinerary is as follows. Mariana Islands, KH0, June 13 to 26. Guam, KH2, June 27 to July 10. Belau, KC6, July 11 to 24. After Belau, it is back to Angola until August 18.

EGYPT. Pavel, OK2FUN, signed SU1KR during the WPX contest last weekend. QSL via OK2EC.

JORDAN. Five British and one German operator are on from Jordan until June 27. Activity is mainly on 6 meters, though some HF operating is planned. QSL JY8ED via G3SED, JY8JH via G0JHC, JY8IC via GJ4ICD, JY8OX via G3K0X, JY8VA via DL7AV and JY8ZC via G4CCZ.

MICRONESIA. Six OKDXA members will have four stations up and running from June 8 to 17. QSL V63AD, V63BC, V63FC, V63KW, V63SB and V63VA all via OKDXA, PO Box 88, Wellston OK 74881.

SOUTH KOREA. Harry, HL9HH/KJ6YR, is looking for 40 and 80 meter fills for Worked All States. He operates between 1030 and 1200z daily. On 40 meters, he operates between 7002 and 7009 kHz looking for IN, MS, NM, ND, SD, and NE. On 80 meters, he is on between 3502 and 3509 kHz, hunting IN, WI, MS, IA, ND, SD, and NE. Skeds can be arranged via email to his Internet address hherr at emh.osan.af.mil. QSL via PSC 3 Box 3695, APO AP 96266-3695.

GUANTANAMO BAY. Bill, KQ4GC, will operate from the shack of KG4DX from June 10 through 16. Possible call signs are KG4GC, KG4WW or KG4ZZ. QSL via KQ4GC.

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/EX

00 N81N .....-.....1200 N81N

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Date: Fri, 3 Jun 1994 01:24:45 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!swrinde!emory!  
rsiatl!ke4zv!gary@network.ucsd.edu

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2si4ff\$q06@tymix.Tymnet.COM>, <1994Jun1.185836.26274@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>, <2skp70\$qbc@tymix.Tymnet.COM>.

Reply-To : gary@ke4zv.UUCP (Gary Coffman)

Subject : Re: 440 in So. Cal.

In article <2skp70\$qbc@tymix.Tymnet.COM> flanagan@niagara.Tymnet.COM (Dick Flanagan) writes:

>Gary, are you arguing that the long-standing coordinations of closed systems

>are somehow invalid or at least less valid than those of open systems?

Yes, that's exactly what I'm saying. The spectrum is a limited public resource. Closed repeaters don't serve the amateur community at large as well as open systems, so as a policy matter, open repeaters should be the preferred occupants of the spectrum.

I recognize that closed systems are legal, but I don't consider them desirable. As spectrum management policy, spectrum should be allocated to serve the needs of the largest number of users. Since open systems don't place limits on who can use them, they make their chunk of spectrum more accessible to more amateurs than closed systems do.

Gary

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Gary Coffman KE4ZV		You make it,		gatech!wa4mei!ke4zv!gary
Destructive Testing Systems		we break it.		uunet!rsiatl!ke4zv!gary
534 Shannon Way		Guaranteed!		emory!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary
Lawrenceville, GA 30244				

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